THE BHARAT SCOUTS & GUIDES BULLETIN

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF BOOKS
MADRAS STATE
18 OCT 1954
210
4-54

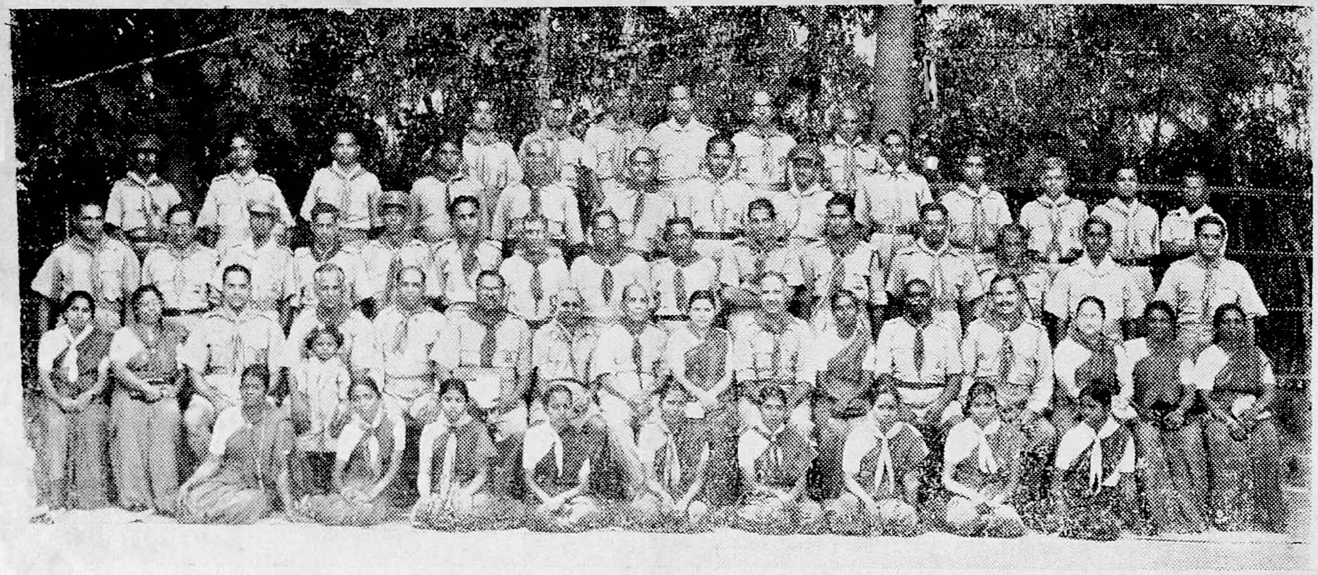
A SCOUT / GUIDE IS
TRUSTY
LOYAL
HELPFUL
BROTHERLY
COURTEOUS

DR. ANNIE BESANT

— Founder of Indian Scouting —

A SCOUT / GUIDE IS
KIND
DISCIPLINED
CHEERFUL
THRIFTY
PURE

Commissioners Conference



Kollengode—17th & 18th September 1954
The Host, Rajah of Kollengode is seated in the centre

The National Executive

Met at New Delhi on 19—9—1954

TO KEEP YOU THINKING

If we are to have a race of better citizens in this country we must do more than educate them in the principles and practice of good government ; we must teach them high personal standards in work and leisure, sound principles of conduct abroad and by their fireside, and the charity which, starting at home, will sweeten and inspire their relations with all their fellow-men.

HUGH LYON (The Spectator, 23rd Sept. 1949)
(*"The Scouter"*)

THE
BHARAT SCOUTS & GUIDES BULLETIN
MADRAS STATE
(Approved by the Director of Public Instruction, Madras)

VOL. 4 OCTOBER 1954 NO. 6

OURSELVES

The National Executive Committee

AT a meeting of the National Executive Committee held at New Delhi on 19th September 1954, several important matters connected with our Organisation were considered and decisions taken. Members representing the States were present and Madras was represented by Mrs. Clubwala Jadhav and Mr V. S. Ratnasabhapathy. It was decided to levy quota money for the various States at 6 pies per Scout or Guide, majority of the States being agreeable to the levy of 6 pies instead of 3 pies as before. Mr. K. G. Vaidyanathan, the National Secretary presented a short account of the activities undertaken by the Association from 1st April to 1st September 1954. It was decided to celebrate the National Scout Week always every year from 1st to 7th of October, the week being the most important week from the Scout point of view. It is also a week that synchronises with the National week when we celebrate the Birth Day of Mahatma Gandhi. It was decided to send a contingent of Scouts to the 8th World Jamboree to be held at Canada from 18th to 28th Aug. 1955 with Pandit Shri Ram Bajpai, the National Organising Commissioner as the leader of the Indian Contingent.

An All India Training Centre

The National Commissioner, Pandit Hridaynath Kunzru informed the Committee that he was successful in getting the Madhya Pradesh Government to assign to our Association an extensive area in Pachmahri for the establishment of a Central All India Training Centre. The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Government, Pandit Ravi Shanker Shukla had promised to put up a building at a cost of Rs. 25,000/- for the centre. The Central Government also has been approached for a grant of Rs. 60,000/- for equiping the centre.

Deputy Camp Chief's Conference

Mr. Vivian Bose, our Chief Commissioner, Scouts informed the Committee that a Deputy Camp Chiefs' Conference is planned to be held at Pachmahri during the Christmas week this year, when the present Training scheme will be revised and a scheme suitable to our country will be drawn up. This Conference as also suggested by Mrs. H. C. Captain will be for the Deputy Camp Chiefs of both the sections. It is hoped

that a comprehensive scheme will be drawn up for all forms of Training. The Pachmahri Training Centre will in future send out Deputy Camp Chiefs, Assistant Deputy Camp Chiefs and Himalaya Wood Badge holders into the country and see that Training is run on most up-to-date and efficient lines suited to our country and requirements.

With regard to badges the Madras representatives urged on the National Headquarters to make available immediately all types of badges both basic and Proficiency. This has been agreed to by the National Headquarters subject to the approval of the National Council. The Tenderfoot badge with the Trefoil superimposed is now [illegible] available. We are glad to note that the Central Headquarters at Delhi, is moving forward.

The National Scout and Guide Week

We are happy to record that the National Scout and Guide Week from 1st to 7th October 1954 was celebrated throughout the State with enthusiasm. Reports have been received from all centres as to the manner in which this celebration was conducted. We are sure that the week would have achieved the purpose of popularising the movement and serving as a reminder to us to do our best.

United Nations Day

24th October will be observed as the United Nations Day and this year's function at Madras will be held at our State Headquarters, Wenlock Park, Triplicane, Madras. It is fitting that we the Junior League of Nations should be closely associated with the United Nations in this way. A Note on the U.N. appears elsewhere.

Seminar on Camping and Community Recreation

Dr. H. D. Edgren, Fullbright Professor of the Y.M.C.A College of Physical Education will direct a Seminar on Community Recreation and Camping for the Bharat Scouts and Guides at Wenlock Park from 15th November to 19th November 1954. Every day the Seminar will begin at 5 P.M. and close at 8 P.M. and it is open to the Scouters and Guiders of Madras State. Those who are interested are required to apply to the State Headquarters with an application fee of Re. 1/- A certificate will be issued to those who attend the Seminar regularly and are likely to be useful. Dr. Edgren is a Professor of Education, George Williams College in Chicago. He has had considerable experience in this work and is a recipient of special honours and awards for this valuable work. He is an author of several publications and it is very kind of him to have offered to run a Seminar for our Officers. We hope many will take advantage of this Seminar.

Visit to Salem

Mrs. Clubwala Jadhav and Mr. V. S. Ratnasabhapathy visited Salem on 6-1[illegible]-54 to help in the work of the District Association. Several of the Office-bearers and others interested in the movement were met and interviewed. A public meeting was addressed by the State Secretary and suggestions were made at a Conference of workers for making the movement more and more useful. It is encouraging to find that Mr. Sherffuddin the District Judge, Mr. Sabhanayagam, the District Collector and the representatives of the public including Mr. S. V. Ramaswamy, Member of Parliament, the Municipal Commissioner Mr. Menon, Mrs. Menon, Mrs. Sitalakshmi Ramaswamy and Mr. Metha and others are keenly interested in our Organisation. Mrs. K. N. Vasant Chatterji, the District Commissioner Guides having resigned, her place will be taken up by Mrs. Sitalakshmi Ramaswamy. Our Association is thankful to Mrs. Chatterji for the valuable work she had done in the past. Salem has a good team of workers with Mr. S. V. Lakshmanan as District Commissioner Scouts and Mr. K. Varadarajan as District Secretary, and there is every hope of the District making headway in the

coming year. The Tamil Monthly Bulletin, they are issuing, we hope, will be continued, though they have to face financial difficulties.

Commissioner's Training Course

Being convinced that the work, the Scouts have done in the matter of making roads and rural service in co-operation with National Extension Service and the Community Project, the Government of Madras has asked us to train the Block Development Officers as Commissioners, and thus associate them with Scouting so that more effective work can be undertaken in the respective Blocks. Therefore a Training Course for the Block Development Officers will be run in the first week of next month. This camp is also open to others, both men and women. Details of the Camp, can be had from the State Headquarters.

We welcome the publication of 'Thaiyar' once again from this month by the South Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides. The October issue is full of interest. In a message, the enthusiastic President Mr. C. R. Pattabhiraman welcoming the publication hopes that the Scouts and Guides will rise to great heights and we are sure they will. Mr. V. G. Gokulapala Sarma the Editor and Secretary of the Association and the District Commissioners Miss. A. Sakuntala and Mr. H, Ramanathan are to be congratulated on their sustained work for the Association and the fine lead they are giving. We wish "Thaiyar" a very useful career.

— Editor

COMING EVENTS

16—10—54	—	Conference of Scouters and Guiders – City of Madras at "Wenlock Park" Triplicane addressed by Mr. HANS PETER MULLER, Secretary, Youth Section of UNESCO.
23—10—54	—	State Executive Committee meeting
24—10—54	—	UNITED NATIONS DAY—at Wenlock Park—Chief Minister is expected to take part.
30—10—54	—	Madras City Guide Rally at State Headquarters.
1—11—54 to 6—11—54	—	Scout Commissioners' Training Course for Block Development Officers at Besant Scout Camping Centre, Adyar.
15—11—54 to 19—11—54	—	SEMINAR on "COMMUNITY RECREATION AND CAMPING"— Director Dr. H. G. EDGREN, Fullbright Professor, CHICAGO
22—11—54 to 28—11—54	—	Cub Wood Badge Course—Tamil.

FOR

SCOUTING BOOKS & EQUIPMENT

K. KASINATH

MAIL ORDER AGENCY

P. O. BASVANGUDI : : BANGALORE-4.

A FINE RECORD

FROM October 1, the Madras Council of the Bharat Scouts and Guides is celebrating the Scout Week in this State. It is doing so with the knowledge that the Scout movement in India maintains the popularity though it is less patronised by Governments than the new military or quasi-military youth organisations like the National Cadet Corps. How the movement retains its strength was pointed out by Sri J. B. Mallaradhya, Director of Public Instruction in Mysore at the annual meeting of the Mysore State Council of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, "Bharat Scouts and Guides claim to be the biggest youth organisation in India," he declared. From the history of the movement in Mysore he gave an impressive example of the value of Scout training as a preparation for citizenship. He said that during 36 years, since the inception of the movement in the State, no[illegible]le Scout or Guide was reported to [illegible] joined any subversive movement." They have remained a strong brotherhood, promoting the welfare of those around them.

From other lands come similar testimonies of the good work of Scouts. We will mention one-the report on the Social Services in the Federation of Malaya, for 1953, prepared by the Reference Division of the Central Office of Information, London. Referring to the fact that in Malaya "there is unquestionably less juvenile delinquency than at any time in the past five years," the report points out that much of the credit for this improvement rests with voluntary organisations, including Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, who concentrated their efforts on the development of organisations and services to help and train homeless and other unfortunate children, and thus prevent them from drifting into crime.

Sri Mallaradhya said that the Scout and Guide movement should form an integral part of the system of education in Mysore. His words are equally applicable to education in other States. It is true that the Bharat Scouts and Guides organisation functions in all States. Scout and Guide troops exist in most if not all Schools. But as Sri Mallaradhya urged, it will be beneficial to enlarge such troops and increase their activities. Such expansion is possible only with the voluntary assistance of the people; it is mainly on such support that the movement now rests; if rightly conducted it will continue to receive support.

Most State Governments, as we have remarked above, are more interested in the National Cadet Corps, mainly a creation of the Union Defence Ministry. Junior Divisions of the National Cadet Corps are being formed in schools; they are given training in Squad Drill, Arms Drill, Field Craft, Weapon Training and similar military exercises. Such training is useful, provided there is no compulsion; in certain States, however, authority is inclined to introduce compulsory military training in Schools. What effect this will have on the Scout movement it is difficult to foresee, but one thing is certain; the Junior Cadet Corps not to be regarded as a substitute for the freer, larger brotherhood of the Scouts. This deserves to be emphasised at all forthcoming Scout Week meetings.

— MADRAS MAIL

The N. C. C. or its auxiliary cannot in any manner stand in the way of the Scout and Guide Movement in our country and therefore it is not a rival Organisation. Taking into consideration the youth population in this country and the youths that are brought under these youth Movements and Organisations we can only say we have touched a very small percentage. There is still a very large percentage of youth that need to be taken care of and trained. The destitute, orphan and unwanted children in our State alone number over hundred thousand and our movement can certainly help them from drifting into crime. There is therefore more work to do and immense scope and wide area to cover.

— *Editor.*

YOUTH SERVICE

UNTIL 1939 work among young people over school-leaving age was very largely left to the many voluntary movements. Shortly after the start of the Second World War, however, the then Board of Education decided to take direct responsibility for youth welfare as part of the national system of education and invited the voluntary organizations, the Churches, and other interested bodies to co-operate The Youth Service, which provides for the leisure time activities of boys and girls between 15 and 20, is therefore to-day a partnership between the State, the local education authorities and voluntary youth organizations The voluntary organizations now receive some State aid but retain their independence of action.

The Education Act 1944 (in England Wales) finally recognised that provision for the leisure time activities of boys and girls and for their social and physical training was a State responsibility as much as was the provision of education in school, and compelled all local education authorities to provide sufficient out-of-school activities for young people, either directly or by aiding the work of voluntary youth organizations Local authorities usually appoint a youth organizer to develop the service and where necessary run their own Youth Centres to provide varied activities for large numbers of young people.

Although the programmes of youth organizations vary greatly, most of them attempt to provide educational as well as social and recreational pursuits and to give a training in self-government and citizenship

Some youth organizations, notably the older movements such as the *Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)* are mainly religious in origin and purpose; and those which have no definite affiliation with a religious body generally recognise the importance of spiritual values in the formation of character.

The major voluntary organizations (Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Boys' Brigade and kindred bodies) have a total membership of well over two million young people under the age of 21 (including those of school age).

Over twenty large national voluntary youth organizations come together in the *Standing Conference of National Voluntary Youth Organizations* which is a consultative body that takes action only in the name of its member bodies and with their consent.

Some Organizations

The *Boy Scouts' Association* (1908) and the *Girl Guides' Association* (1910) were founded by Lord Baden-Powell. The movements are based on the principle of the development of character and good citizenship in boys and girls by training them in habits of observation, self-reliance, loyalty and thoughtfulness for others, and by promoting physical fitness and a knowledge of useful crafts They have world-wide affiliations and are undenominational and non-political in character.

The *Boys' Brigade* (1883) is a Protestant religious organization. Every company must be attached to a church and a regular church attendance is a vital principle. Companies have regular drill parades, there are club rooms for games and other pastimes, and organized camping is a feature of the movement. The *Church Lads' Brigade* is a similar movement connected with the Anglican Church.

The *National Association of Boys' Clubs* and the *National Association of Girls' Clubs and Mixed Clubs* are non-sectarian bodies and the member clubs provide educative recreational facilities for young people designed to develop their mental, physical and spiritual well-being. Discussion groups, handicrafts, music and many other activities are encouraged.

The *Pre Service Organizations* for boys comprise the *Sea Cadet Corps*, the *Army Cadet Force Association* and the *Air Training Corps* These bodies have special connections with the Service Departments and receive financial grants from them. The training of boys for entry into the armed forces which these organizations

provide is linked with training to promote their social, educational and physical development. Many police forces organize *Police Cadets*. The *Girls' Training Corps*, the *Girls Nautical Training Corps* and the *Women's Junior Air Corps* similarly prepare girls for entry into the Women's Services.

The National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs instructs its members in agricultural subjects and rural crafts and each club has the support of an advisory committee on which local farmers are represented.

Each of the leading political parties maintains a junior branch. Members are encouraged to form debating societies and to engage in other social activities and they are trained to take an active part in party politics. Other adult organizations which have youth sections are the *British Red Cross Society* and the *St. John Ambulance Brigade*, which train their young members in first aid and home nursing.

The *Youth Hostels Association* has a network of hostels for walkers and cyclists and is closely linked with similar organizations in other countries.

The *Outward Bound Trust* maintains sea and mountain schools which offer 4-week character-building courses for boys, mostly young industrial workers whose expenses are paid by their employers. Modified courses are held for girls.

The *Central Council of Physical Recreation* gives youth organizations practical and advisory services in all branches of physical recreation. It runs several National Recreation Centres which provide training holidays for those who wish to learn new forms of physical recreation or to improve their standards under expert tuition.

The *National Playing Fields Association* is another central organization which provides amenities for the Youth Service. Its object is to secure adequate playing fields and playgrounds for young people.

Building for Peace

THE United Nations, in structure, is an international organization of independent and sovereign states. It provides machinery through which the world's people may work together and co-operate with each other to find ways and means to solve the mutual problems and to foster international understanding. The United Nations should be looked upon not as an organizational strait-jacket to the world or on the independent states which are its Members, but as an organ for free co-operation of the nations, inside the framework of agreed procedures and supported by a permanent civil service.

Every one has been yearning for peace. It is only fitting that the peoples of the world should devote themselves to the gigantic task of building a universal and lasting peace both for themselves and for future generations.

Outside of the official channels for the dissemination of information about the United Nations, interested and competent people have shown their desire to participate by volunteering in 86 different countries to tell others the story of how the United Nations is BUILDING FOR PEACE During the past year, these volunteer workers have reached four and a half million people. In addition, they have spent one and a quarter million student-teaching hours in imparting their knowledge through schools and institutes of higher learning.

October 24 of this year marks the ninth anniversary of the United Nations. All those who are eager to have peace and are ready to join their efforts in BUILDING FOR PEACE, will be interested to read this brief but significant story of the United Nations :

Aims and principles : Working towards the aims of collective security, peaceful settlement of international disputes, effective control of armaments and international co-operation to advance economic and social well-being, the United Nations has provided machinery through which peoples of the world may co-operate and

work together. As the bitter classes of power and ideology become more apparent in the world, the United Nations survives as the best hope of mankind.

Political achievements: Through mediation and conciliation, the United Nations helped to end bloodshed in Indonesia, Greece, Palestine and Kashmir, and the Republic of Indonesia and Israel were brought into the family of nations In Korea armed aggression was successfully repelled

Collective Security: Soon after the outbreak of the Korean hostilities, the United Nations resolved to strengthen collective security. This was done by equipping the General Assembly, representing all 60 Member Nations, with emergency procedures for recommending necessary collective action for maintaining peace in case the Security Council fails to act because of the negative vote of any of its five permanent members

Sharing Skills: From a long-range point of view, the technical operations of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies are intended to help provide the underdeveloped areas with more of the skills they need in their effort to alleviate the miseries of hunger, disease, illiteracy and poverty. Eventually, however, the technical assistance programmes will help other countries, too, for they realize more and more that their own economic progress in their inter dependent world depends considerably on the economic health of underdeveloped countries.

The United Nations and the Specialized Agencies began their technical assistance work in a small way, with money from their regular budgets. In 1950, the United Nations and five agencies began an additional and bigger programme—the expanded technical assistance programme, financed from voluntary contributions by Governments. Since it started in July 1950, scientific knowledge and technical skills have been shared in a variety of ways and extended to nearly 120 countries and territories. For instance, long-range programmes have been undertaken to assist in the construction of irrigation schemes, increase food product, advise on the building of a harbour, or to train technicians for air fields and medical laboratories. Shorter-range projects that have already shown results include the campaigns against malaria and the work to improve cottage industries. Many of the underdeveloped countries have also contributed to the expanded programme by supplying it with professional personnel and research facilities. All of them have pledged funds for the operation.

Regional Co-ordination: Through the facilities provided by the United Nations' regional commissions, countries in Europe, Asia and the Far East and Latin America have been able to co-operate on working out solutions for many of their common problems and subsequently to lay some of the essential foundations for economic progress.

Social Improvement: As an effort to improve social well-being, the United Nations, working with its specialized agencies, is helping to provide studies and services which will improve sanitary, health and labour conditions Programmes include improvement and expansion of educational facilities and teacher training

Human Rights: The basic rights of man and fundamental freedoms for all without discrimination as to race, sex, language or religion are clearly defined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The completion of two draft covenants on Human Rights by the Human Rights Commission this summer marks a milestone in United Nations efforts to clarify and define these rights

For non-self governing peoples: In accordance with the spirit and provisions of the Charter, the United Nations, through its Trusteeship Council, has been following the welfare and progress of the millions of people of dependent territories With self-government or independence the ultimate goal, recommendations are based upon annual reports submitted by the Administering Authorities of the territories under United Nations Trusteeship, information gathered by existing United Nations missions and petitions from the indigenous people. In the case of non-self

governing territories not under trusteeship, annual progress reports are submitted to the Council. Through the efforts of the United Nations, Libya became an independent state, Eritrea was federated with Ethiopia as an autonomous unit, and the former Italian colony of Somaliland was placed under Italian trusteeship to be prepared for independence in 1960. Through the United Nations, the world is kept alive to the aspirations and advancement of all peoples.

The All India Scout and Guide Week

THE All India Scout and Guide Week was inaugurated at the State Headquarters, Wenlock Park, Madras on 1-10-54 by Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu, Deputy Director of Public Instruction and State Commissioner (Scouts) and in doing so he said that the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State has increased its strength, eventhough the separation of Andhra State resulted in reducing the original strength. The popularity therefore is maintained, and the wish expressed by Pandit Nehru the Prime Minister that the movement should increase from 5 lakhs to 50 lakhs in the country is being followed with success.

The Rajah Saheb of Kollengode who presided asked the Scouts and Guides to do a good turn to some one every day and that the movement rendered service to all without distinction. He paid a tribute to Lord Baden Powell, Dr. Besant and Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya for founding this very useful organisation and that their life is worthy of emulation by Scouts and Guides

Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, State Secretary the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State explained the significance of Scout and Guide week and the need for making the parents and public realise the value of the training imparted by the movement to the children. He said that the N. C. C. and its Auxiliary covered only a very small percentage of the youth population of the country and that there was perhaps more than 80% of the youth population that can still be served by the Scout and Guide movement. Referring to the Community service rendered by the movement he said that during this month 300 Scouts are rendering service for making a road at Chitlanchery near Palghat, another 100 Rovers doing similar work in Ramnad district near Karaikudy and the third batch near Tiruneermalai in Chingleput District.

Being convinced of the valuable work that the Scouts and Guides have done under the Community Project, in the 5 year plan, the Government of Madras has asked for the Block Development Officers in the State to be trained as Scout Commissioners. For this purpose the Association will run a Training Course at the Stanley Park Training Centre at Coonoor in the last week of October '54and thus establish closer relationship with the Project service.

Mr. C. V. Naidu, District Commissioner (Scouts), Trivellore related the work done at Senchi by the Scouts of Madras in renovating an irrigation tank recently.

Miss S. P. Durairaj, Jt. State Organising Commissioner (Guides) proposed a vote of thanks to the President, State Commissioner and others. With the singing of Janaganamana, the meeting terminated. A representative gathering of Scouts, Guides, Officers and the public was present.

OUR A.S.C. WEST COAST

Sri C. V. Ramani Karikar, M.A. B.L., Assistant State Commissioner; Bharat Scouts & Guides, West Coast is appointed by Government to be a member of the Project and Block Advisory Committees for Community Projects Area (Palghat).

DISTRICT REPORTS

SOUTH MADRAS

Service: Rover Scouts drawn from Prathaps and Arundales did service on Sunday the 26th September 1954 at Santhome Beach in connection with the Mahalaya Amavasya Sri K. Rajagopalan District Rover Scout Leader was the contingent leader.

Over sixty Scouts drawn from the Scout Groups—Shivajis', Subramanias', 'Prathaps' 'Siddhartas' and Ramakrishnas' and Rovers from 'Gandhiji', Mylapore' and Arundale' did service in connection with the 'mass poor feeding ceremony' and The Immersion Ceremony of Durga Devi organised by Sri Ramakrishna Mission Authorities on the 6th and 7th October. Guides drawn from Saradamani Guide Group and Rangers from Kamala Nehru Ranger Team did service during the Durga Puja celebrations from 3-10-54 to 7-10-54 at Sri Ramakrishna Mutt, Mylapore.

Posse of welcome: About two hundred Scouts and Guides of the South Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides presented a Posse of Welcome to His Excellency the Governor of Madras on 5-10-54 at 6-30 P M. at P.S. High School, Mylapore when he presided over the Mylapore Academy Anniversary celebrations

The National Scout Week: The Scout and Guide Week was celebrated with great enthusiasm in the Scout Groups of the Mylapore area. Sri Parthasarathy Iyengar, Commissioner of Police, Sri Rajam Ramaswamy, Sri Kothamangalam Subbu and other notable figures took part in the functions conducted in a successful manner by the Prathaps, Shivajis' and Siddhartas' Scout Groups and Kamala Nehru Ranger Team A District Scout Rally was held on 5-10-54 at 4 P.M. at the P.S High School, Mylapore with Hon'ble Sri M. A. Manickavelu Naicker, Minister for Revenue in the chair There was a distinguished gathering including Sri V. S Ratnasabhapathy, State Secretary, Sri V G G. Rao, Ex-State Chief Commissioner, Bombay, Sri M D. Janardhan, District Commissioner, East Madras and others. The District Commissioner (Scouts) was the Officer-in-charge of the Rally Sri C R. Pattahbiraman, President, South Madras welcomed the Minister and recounted the activities of the Groups and their services in connection with the festivals and Community Projects. The Hon'ble Minister and others went round and reviewed the Pioneering and Camp Craft demonstrations put up by the various Groups The Signalling Tower of Siddhartas', the self-propelling aerial run-away of the Subramanias', the Camp Craft of Shivajis' and the Swinging Derrick of the Prathaps' deserve a special mention. The Minister said that disciplined training, orderliness and the spirit of co-operation were essential if they were to survive as a nation. He said that the Scout Movement developed character and taught good manners to the youngsters. In his opinion the promoters of the Scout Movement were doing a National service, moulding the character of their future citizens. He wished that the disciplined training and the spirit of Scouting imbibed by Scouts should be carried into their future life and allowed to permeate into the people to enable the morale of the country to be raised Sri V. G. G Sharma, District Secretary proposed a vote of thanks.

Sea-Bathing Service in connection with Mahalaya Amavasaya

The South Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides undertook the Service on Sunday the 26th September 1954, in connection with the Mahalaya Amavasya at San Thome Beach, Mylapore Rover Scouts drawn from Mylapore, Prathaps and Arundale Rover Crews rendered service on that day from 6 to 10 A.M Sri K. Rajagopalan, District Rover Scout Leader, was in charge of the service. Sri H. Ramanathan, District Commissioner (Scouts) was present throughout the service.

The day passed off without any untoward incident except for two cases One lost child was restored to its parent. Another woman was rescued by one of the Rovers from being carried away by the Sea waves.

Proceedings of the Conference of Commissioners, Presidents and Secretaries of the Districts comprised in the Western Division held at Kollengode

On the 18th & 19th September 1954

Proceedings : 1st Day : 18-9-'54

Venue : Rajah's High School, Kollengode

On the invitation of Sri V. Madhava Raja, Raja of Kollengode, President District Association, South Malabar, this Conference was convened and held in the Rajah's High School, Kollengode. At the outset we have to express our gratitude to the Rajah Sahib for the extraordinary enthusiasm and the spirit of hospitality evinced by him

Representatives of the various Districts began to arrive even from the evening of the 17th instant. There was a strong contingent from the Salem and Coimbatore Districts both by train and by car From about 8 A. M. on the 18th instant, the Rajah's High School began to hum with activity and it was really a delightful sight to see the District Commissioners, Scouts and Guides, Scouters and Flock Leaders moving about in their respective uniforms wearing scarfs of various colours. The Scout groups of the Rajah's High School was very busy in doing service to the guests. Nothing was left wanting in regard to the splendid arrangements made.

By about 10-15 A M. a group photo was taken by M/s. Razack Studio, Palghat.

Precisely at 10-30 A M. the Raja Sahib unfurled the Scout Flag, all standing alert and saluting. Mrs. C Mohini, Joint National Organising Commissioner, Guides, sung in Hindi in a melodious tone the Scout Flag Song.

The Assembly then moved to the spacious hall where the Conference was to be held. After prayer by the High School Girls, Sri. C. S. V. Ramani Kariakkar, Assistant State Commissioner, and President of the morning session, requested the Raja Sahib to declare the Conference open.

Those present included the Joint National Organising Commissioner (Guides) from National Headquarters, the Joint State Organising Commissioner (Guides) from State Headquarters, the State Organising Commissioner, Western Division, the two State Assistant Commissioners. Four District Commissioners (Scouts), One District Commissioner (Guides), Nine A. D Cs. (Scouts), Two A D. Cs (Guides), Twenty three Scouters, Nine Guiders, Two Presidents Five Secretaries and One Treasurer. Among the A. D. Cs. there were some who were also Secretaries of Dt. Associations.

In his very instructive speech the Raja Sahib expressed his great pleasure in that the Conference is to be held in his High School and extended a hearty welcome to those who have gathered there. He claimed the privilege of being one of the oldest Scouts in this country, having been initiated into the Scout movement by no less a leader than Lord Baden Powell, the Chief Scout. He traced the introduction of scouting in the District of Malabar while he was the President of the District Board. He said he was axious to have the co-operation of the Scout leaders. While he was at Madras he met Mrs. Clubwalla Jathav, State Commissioner (Guides) to do something for strengthening the Guide Section in South Malabar. Fortunately, there was immediate response and was assured that Mrs. C. Mohini, Joint National Organising Commissioner (Guides) and Miss. S. P. Dorairaj, Joint State Organising Commissioner, (Guides) who were coming to Coimbatore District would be deputed to run the Flock Leaders camp at Kollengode.

It was a happy coincidence that the Conference was held immediately after the Flock Leaders training camp at Kottayamballam. Raja Sahib offered his utmost co-operation and support to make the movement more active, popular and he also

exhorted the parents to take an abiding interest He felt that the dearth of scouters with advanced training was a handicap and suggested that the Conference may devote attention in this regard He expressed the hope that the Scouts and Guides would ask themselves at the close of each day whether they had done a good turn and if they had done they would have justified their being in the movement, with these words and invoking the blessing of the Almighty, he declared the Conference open amidst great cheers.

Sri. A. V. Krishna Iyer, Secretary, S Malabar District, read the messages received from Mrs. Clubwalla Jadhav, State Commissioner, (Guides), Sri. N. D. Sundaravadivelu, State Commissioner (Scouts), Sri. V S. Rathnasabapathy, State Secretary, Sri. E. H. Parameswaran, M. L. C. Palghat, Sri Rajagopalan, State Organising Commissioner, Madurai, and Mr. Hegde, M. P. Mangalore.

After this Dr. Padmanabhan, District Commissioner, South Malabar, welcomed the members assembled and thanked in a sumptuous measure the great help given by the Raja Saheb and the Scout officers, scouters and guiders of all ranks, for their hearty co-operation.

Sri. T.R. Sundaram Pillai, District Commissioner (Scouts), Coimbatore, introduced every one of those present by narrating briefly the rank held by each in the Scout field and the professional work etc , and as each one was introduced he or she stood up in their seats so that every one present came to know one another in person. After this he presented a brief review of the genesis of the idea of holding Divisional Conferences and the work done at the First Conference held at Vellakinar on 26-7-'53 and the Second Conference held on 20-11'53 at Mangalore He briefly adverted to the various resolutions passed at both the Conferences and told the members about the work ahead.

Mrs. C Mohini presented the Warrant of Assistant District Commissioner-ship (Guides) to Mrs. M Benjamin, Government Victoria College, Palghat. The recipient suitably replied and thanked the South Malabar District Association for having afforded her an opportunity of service to sister guides.

Mr C. S V. Ramani Kariakkar as the President of the morning Session expressed his warm appreciation and the help he had been receiving in an abundant measure from the various District Officers of all ranks and also appealed for further and greater co-operation from the public He laid emphasis on the absolute necessity for concentration on quality of work for the development of the Scout movement He said it was his faith and experience that God would come to the help of all sincere workers.

Then the Conference took up discussion on some of the burning topics concerning the movement.

Afternoon Session

The members re-assembled at 2-50 P.M.

Sri V. C. Subbiah Gounder, Assistant State Commissiener, Coimbatore, was voted to the chair In his introductory speech he referred to the introduction of rovering in mills and industrial concerns and was of opinion that it could be safely tried in cities rather than in village parts. He also referred to the very important aspect of the scouting movement, namely, the imperative necessity of having spiritualist ideals without at the same time entering into discussions on religion. He laid emphasis on the importance of the building role of character of boys and girls who are our national assets.

The first lecture for the day was that of Sri J. I. Muthiah, State Organising Commissioner, Western Division. Born out of experience covering over 3 decades, he said that the composition of the Patrol system must be so arranged as to ensure a permanency. For that the boys from the lower forms must be larger in number than from the higher forms so that the one who gains experience while in the lower forms may continue the work when he goes into the higher form. He welcomed the practice of appointing A D.Cs for particular work for particular areas as this will secure efficiency of an all round type.

(To be continued)

The Joint National Org. Commissioner, Guides in Madras

THE month of September envisaged a busy period in Madras State with the tour of the Joint National Organising Commissioner-Guides, Mrs. C. Mohini.

On the 1st of September 1954 Mrs. Mohini was welcomed by the State Commissioner-Guides when there was an informal meeting of all the Commissioners of Madras city at 11 A.M. at the State Headquarters. Miss. G. R. Samuel, Headquarters Commissioner for Training gave a report of work done in Madras and there was a discussion in which the Commissioners participated. Mrs. D. L. Gopal Ratnam, Headquarters Commissioner-Guides proposed a vote of thanks. After the meeting we all met under the shady Asoka trees for lunch. The State Secretary, Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy also joined us.

Mrs. C. Mohini left Madras for Tiruchirapally on the 2nd night. Mrs. L. Charles District Commissioner-Guides of Tiruchi had drawn up an interesting programme which consisted of visiting the Guide units in and around Tiruchi and visits to the place of historical interest. Mrs. Mohini stayed with Mrs. E. Ricketts while she was at Tiruchi. She addressed the Scouters and Guiders of Tiruchi and also met the members of the Rotary Club. The District Secretary, Dr. V. K. Ranganathan made the necessary arrangements.

Mrs. C. Mohini toured the districts of Coimbatore from 7th to 11th September. Mrs. I Roy Chatterjee arranged the programme for her visits to the various places and making her stay in Coimbatore a pleasant one. The Joint National Organising Commissioner-Guides visited places like Dharapuram and Tirupur and was much impressed by the handicrafts of the Dharapuram Industrial School. The tour in Coimbatore ended with a public meeting of Scouters and Guiders at the district Headquarters. Mrs. Mohini and Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy addressed the gathering. Sri S. Arulanandam, District Secretary helped the District Commissioner-Guides for arranging the programme for Joint National Organising Commissioner-Guides.

At the request of the Rajah of Kollengode the Joint National Organising Commissioner-Guides with the assistance of Joint State Organising Commissioner-Guides conducted a preliminary camp for Flock Leaders at Kottayambalam village about 3 miles from Kollengode. 37 trainees attended the camp. Of these 7 members were teachers and the others were pupil teachers of the secondary section of the Rajah's Training School, Kollengode. Sri Subramaniam Iyer the Headmaster of Rajah's High School was responsible for making all the arrangements at a short notice Sri Madhavaraja visited the camp and helped the campers with all their needs. Mrs. Benjamin, Asst. Dist. Commissioner-Guides and Sri Krishna Iyer visited the camp. The camp was over on the 18th morning. It was followed by the Commissioners' Conference on the 18th and 19th September at the Rajah's High School, The Conference was well represented by several districts and useful topics were dealt with. The visit of the Joint National Organising Commissioner-Guides had a happy ending at South Malabar with the worthy appointment of Miss Saraswathy Madhavaraja as the Dist. Commissioner-Guides.

The Joint National Organising Commissioner-Guides returned to Madras on the 20th. The Advanced Training for Flock Leaders was conducted by the National Organising Commissioner-Guides and the Joint State Organising Commissioner-Guides for 5 days from the 21st September, at the Besant Scout Camping Centre at Adyar. 20 Guiders from the Madras Corporation area and one Guider from St. Thomas' Mount took advantage of the camp. Mrs. M M. Peters, the Dist. Commissioner-Guides of Corporation visited the camp on the 1st day. Mrs. M C. Jadhav, State Commissioner-Guides and Mrs Gopal Ratnam, Headquarters Commissioner-Guides visited the camp on the last day and spoke to the Guiders. The State Secretary, Sri V S Ratnasabhapathy also visited the camp

After the busy events of one full month the Joint National Organising Commissioner Guides, Mrs. C Mohini left Madras on the 28th September 1954 The Guiders and Commissioners whom she visited during this month were really happy to meet her and Mrs Mohini has helped our Madras Guides and Guiders to keep up the game of Guiding.

S P. DURAIRAJ
Jt. State Org. Commissioner-Guides

Commissioners' warrants Renewed

For the Year 1954—55.

Assistant District Commissioners (Scouts)

WARRANT No.	NAME	AREA
17/17- 9-51	Sri A. V. Krishna Iyer	South Malabar Dt.
79/29-10-52	,, Eric Willy	Ooty Municipality
82/3- 12-52	,, A. Krishnan	Kotagiri
88/ 3- 1-53	,, G. Deva Irakkam	Tanjore Tk West
89/ 3- 1-53	,, P. Srinivasan	Tanjore Tk. West
90/ 3- 1-53	,, H Krishnamurthy	Tanjore Tk West
102/ 6- 2-53	,, B. K. Mathan	Kundah Firka
121/13- 2-53	,, V. P. Ramaswamy	Nilgiris
126/21- 5-53	,, R. Gosakan	Coonoor Taluk
149/13- 7-53	,, T S Santanam	Madras East
165/17-11-53	,, C. Govindan	Ooty Rural

Assistant District Commissioners (Scouts)

Warrants issued for the year 1954-55

182/25- 9-54	Sri K. I. Pappachan	Walluvanad
183/27- 9-54	,, A. V. Ramanathan	Mayuram
184/27- 9-54	,, B S. Bhasker Rai	S. Kanara

Assistant District Commissioners (Guides)

Warrants Renewed for the year 1954-55

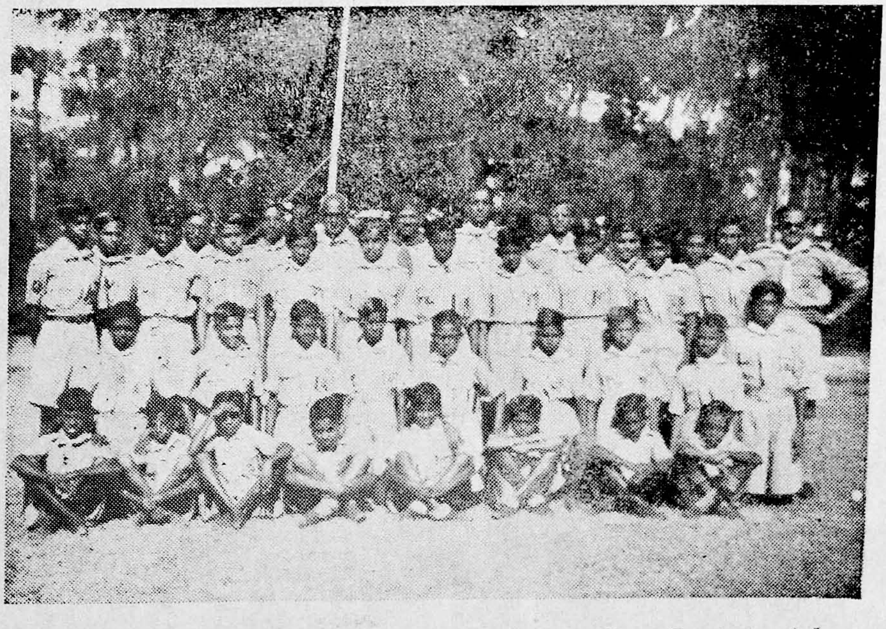
20/21- 7-53	Mrs. S. Chellam	Central Madras
21/21- 7-53	,, Dorothy David	Central Madras
29/ 2-11-53	,, Profulla Hegde	Coondapur Taluk

District Commissioners (Guides)

Warrants issued for the year 1954-55

27/ 4.10-54	Miss. Saraswathi Madhava Raja	S. Malabar Dt.

Patrol Leaders of South Madras



Under Training at the Besant Scout Camping Centre, Adyar,
19th to 22nd August, 1954.

Regd. No. M. 4171 Regd. No. M. 4171

THE BOOKS AVAILABLE AT THE STATE HEADQUARTERS
WENLOCK PARK, P.B. No. 424, MADRAS-5.

1.	How to run a Pack—Gilcraft.	...	2 12 0
2.	Out Door Hints for Boy Scouts by J. Gibson	...	2 6 0
3.	The Patrol System for Guides	...	0 13 0
4.	Pioneering Gilcraft	...	2 12 0
5.	Physical Training—a Guide for Guiders by D. W. Mitchell	...	2 3 0
6.	Physical Training for Boy Scouts	...	0 12 0
7.	The Cub Book by Lord Baden Powell	...	0 12 0
8.	Games for Guides—A. W. N. Mackenzie	...	2 12 0
9.	The Patrol System —by R. E. Philipps	...	0 12 0
10.	Wolf Cubs—Gilcraft	...	2 12 0
11.	Scouting for Boys—Boys Edn. by B. P.	...	2 3 0
12.	Running a Troop	...	4 12 0
13.	Sea Scouting & Seamanship for boys	...	2 6 0
14.	Games for Camp & Club Room—Veera Barclay	...	2 3 0
15.	Sea Scouting—Tom Browne	...	3 14 0
16.	Hand Work for Cubs—M. E. Shannon	...	0 13 0
17.	Sixty Indoor Games—J. B. Collyns	...	0 12 0
18.	Surveying & Mapping simplified	...	1 10 0
19.	Pioneering Projects—John Thurman	...	8 0 0
20.	The Book of Cub Games—Barclay	...	2 6 0
21.	Hou to run a Patrol	...	0 10 0
22.	Be Prepared—Abridged Edn.—by Maynard	...	1 0 0
23.	Boy Scouts Knot Book – J. Gibson	...	1 10 0
24.	Games for Cubs—New Girlcraft series	...	3 14 0
25.	The Girl Guide Book of Knowledge—by E.M.R. Burgess		2 8 0
26.	Indoor Games for Scouts—by Rex-Hazlewood	...	3 14 0
27.	A. P. R O Part I	...	1 4 0
28.	A. P. R. O Part II	...	1 0 0
29.	A. P. R. O Part III	...	0 12 0
30.	Scheme of Training (Guides)	...	0 4 0
31.	Memorandum Rules & Regulation	...	0 4 0
32.	Wolf Cubs Hand Book	...	2 8 0
33.	Camping suggestions-Kenneth C. Sparrow	...	2 12 0
34.	The Boy Scouts Camp Book-by Philip Carrington	...	2 6 0
35.	Camp & Character Training—By Major F.M. Crum	...	1 0 0
36.	Games for Scouts-Mackenzie	...	3 4 0
37.	The Cub Book-B.P.	...	0 14 0
38.	Letters to a Wolf Cub—Gilcraft	...	2 3 0
39.	Exploring—Gilcraft	...	2 3 0
40.	Games for Cubs – Mackenzie	...	2 0 0
41.	Outdoor Games for Scouts-by John Thurman & Herbert		
42.	The Girl Guide Knot Book	...	3 14 0
43.	Girl Guiding—B. P. of Gilwell	...	1 4 0
44.	Rovering to Success	...	3 14 0
45.	Ideas for Rover Scouts—Jack Cox	...	3 2 0
		...	2 14 0

(*In all cases Postage Ext a*

Edited & Published by Mr. V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, for The Bharat Scouts & Guides, Madras State, "Wenlock Park" South Beach Road, Triplicane, Madras-5 and Printed by K. G. Ananda Rao, at the Manorama Press, 39, M. J. B. Street, Triplicane, Madras-5